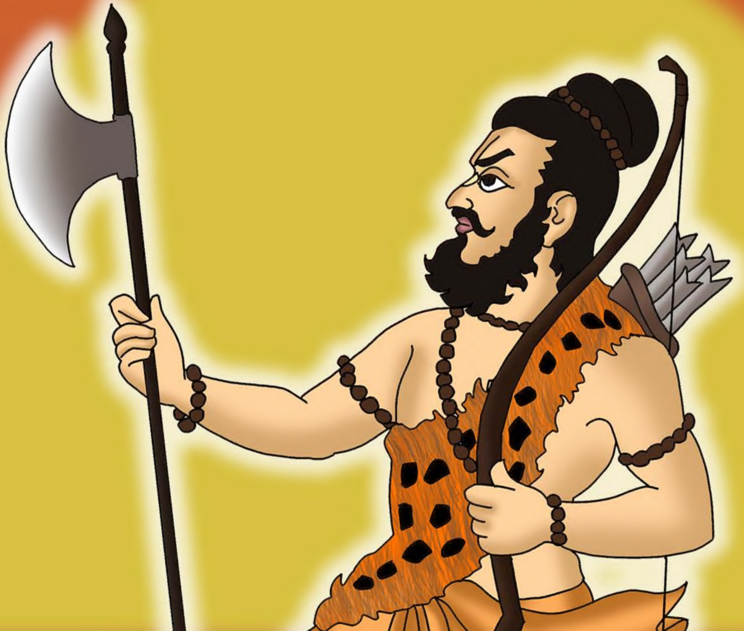
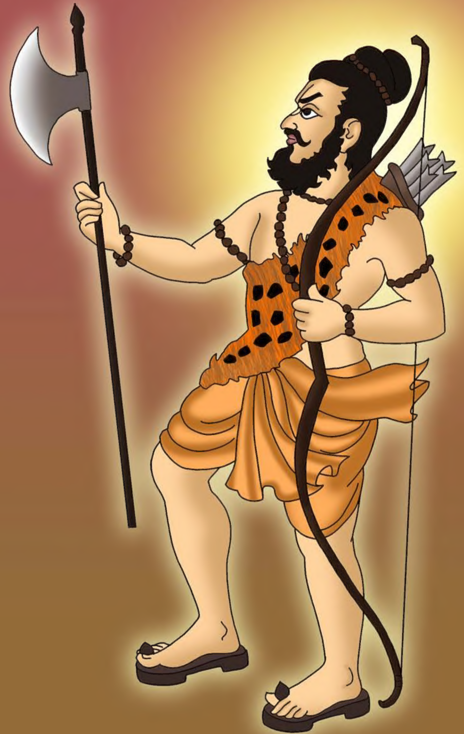
Parashurama Avatar

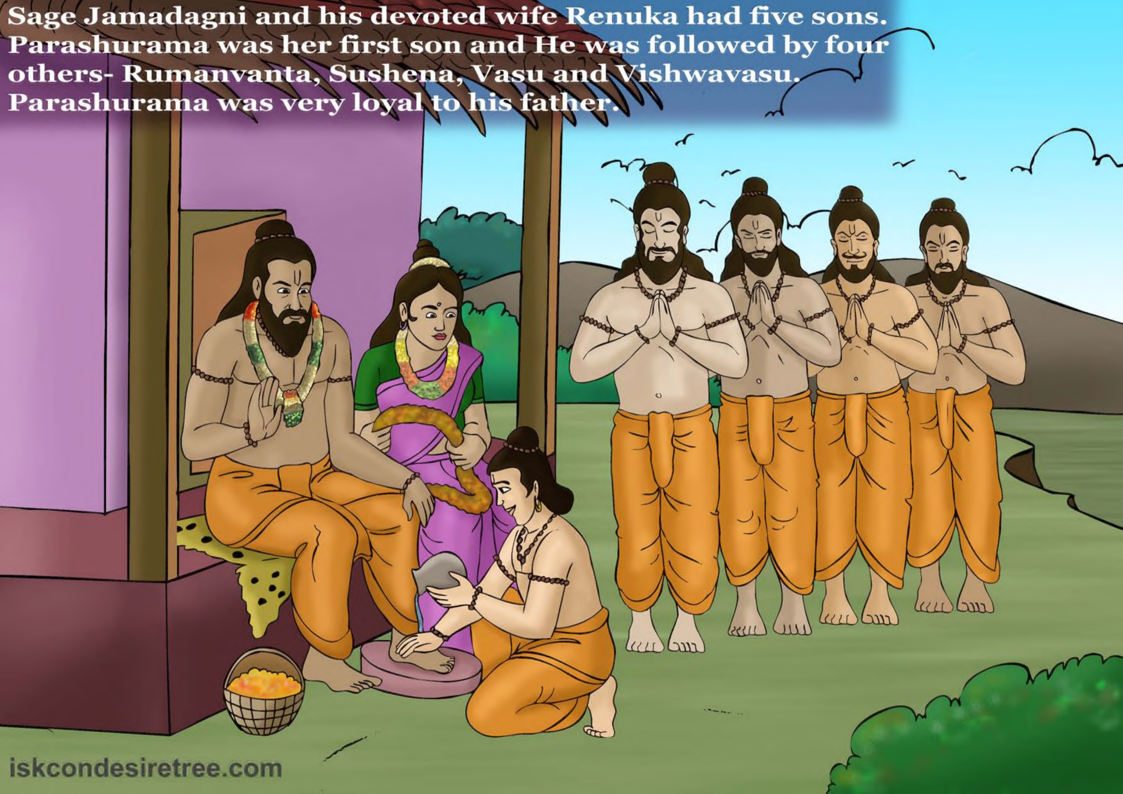
...He who eradicated evil



Parashurama Avatar is the sixth amongst the Dashavtars of Lord Vishnu.



Sage Jamadagni and his devoted wife Renuka had five sons. Parashurama was her first son and He was followed by four others- Rumanvanta, Sushena, Vasu and Vishwavasu. Parashurama was very loyal to his father.



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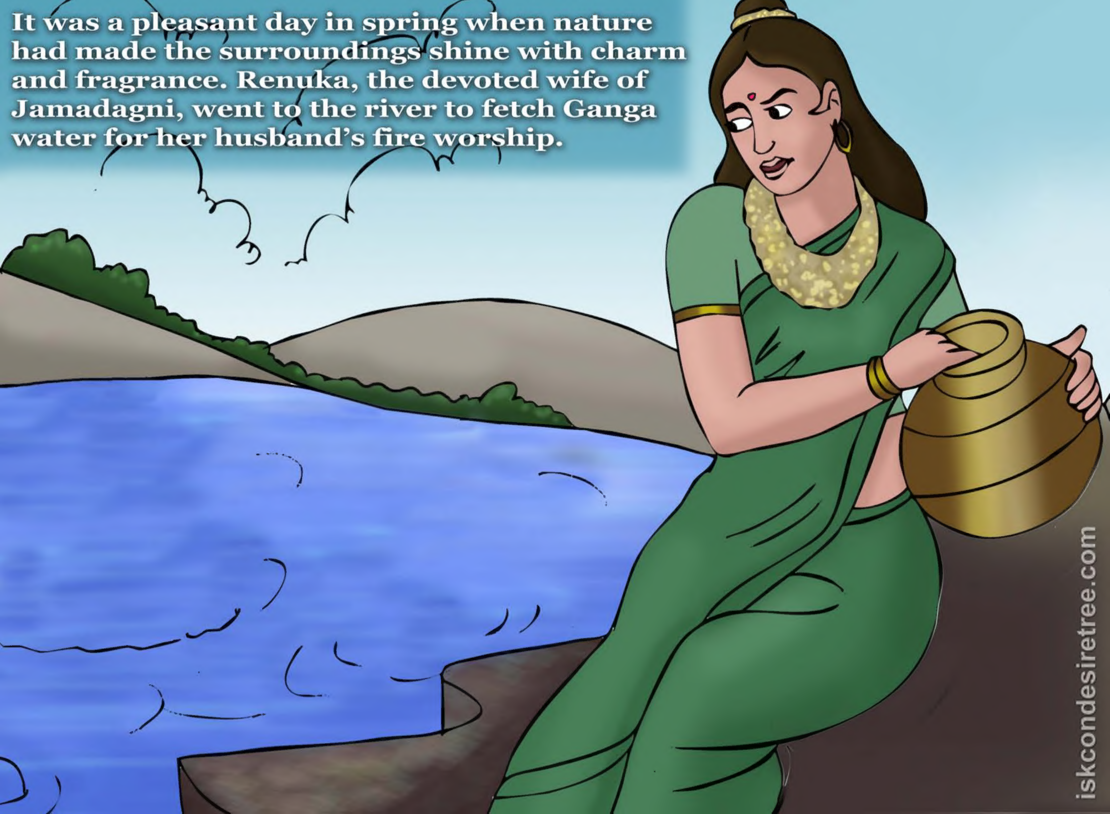
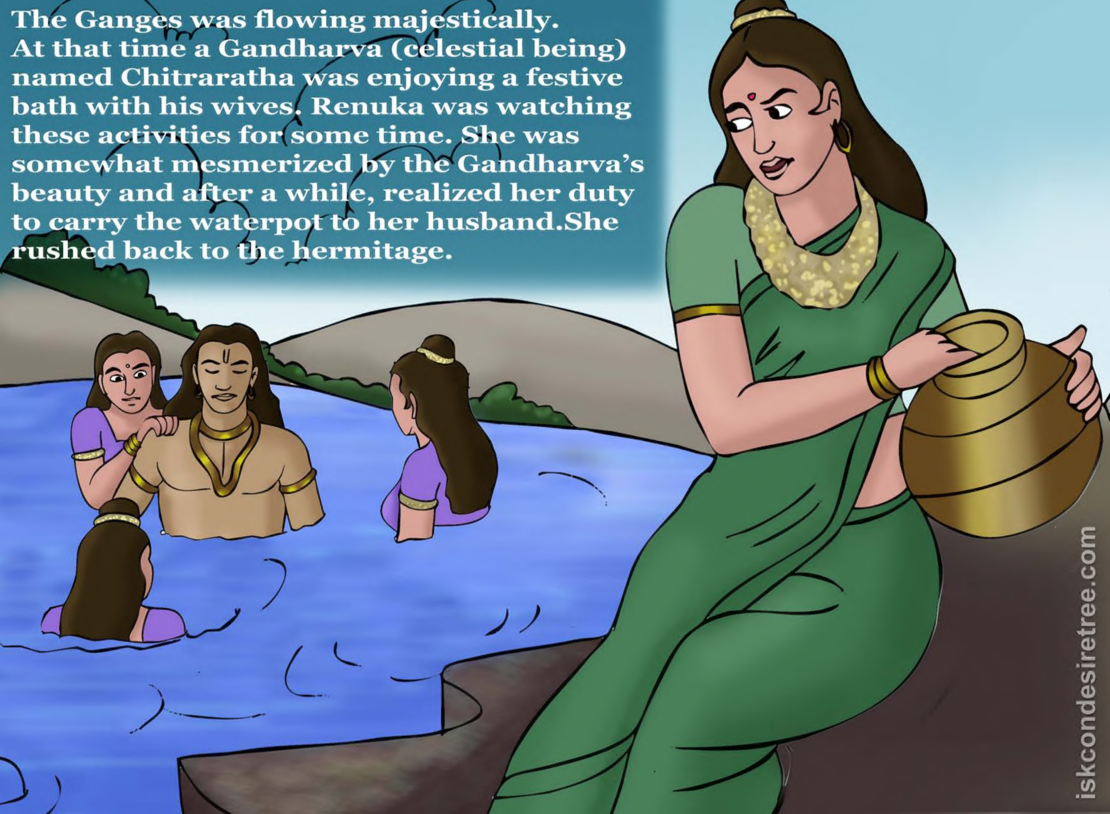
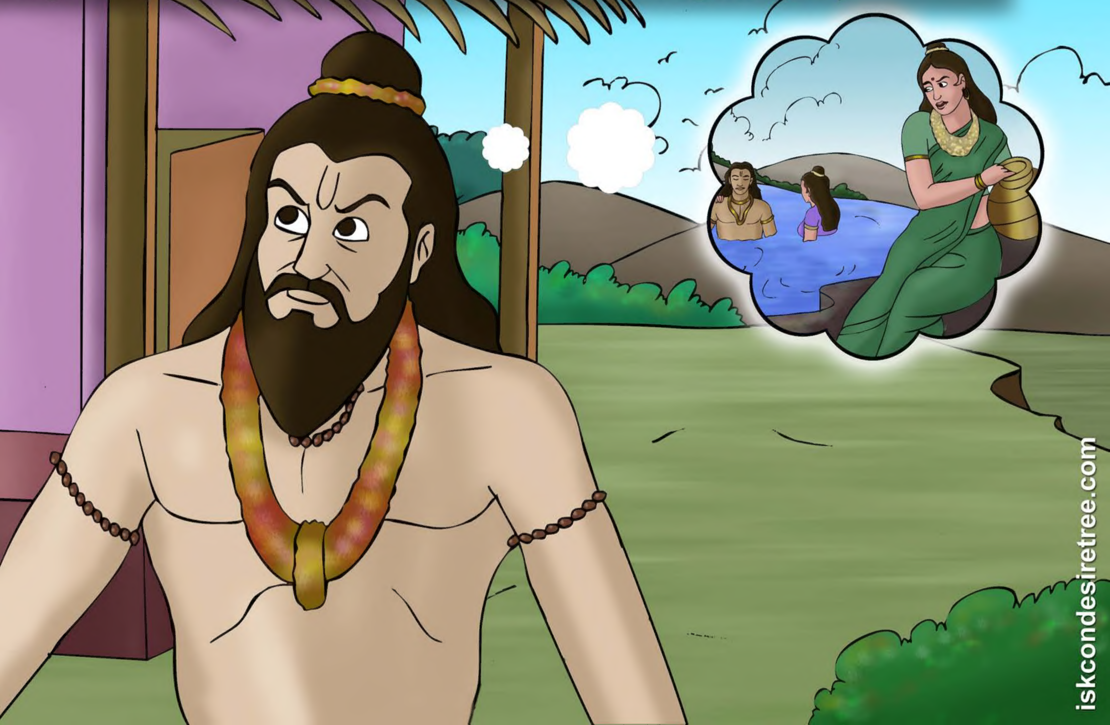
It was a pleasant day in spring when nature had made the surroundings shine with charm and fragrance. Renuka, the devoted wife of Jamadagni, went to the river to fetch Ganga water for her husband's fire worship.



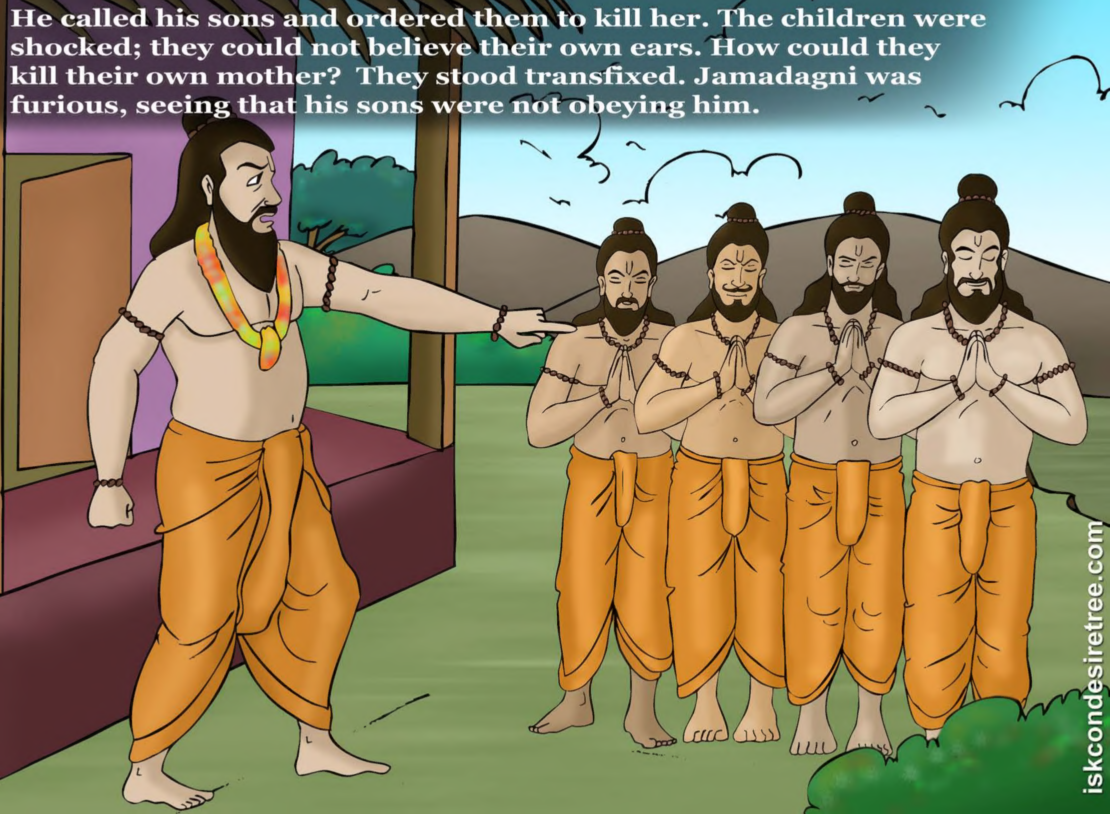
The Ganges was flowing majestically. At that time a Gandharva (celestial being) named Chitraratha was enjoying a festive bath with his wives. Renuka was watching these activities for some time. She was somewhat mesmerized by the Gandharva's beauty and after a while, realized her duty to carry the waterpot to her husband.She rushed back to the hermitage.

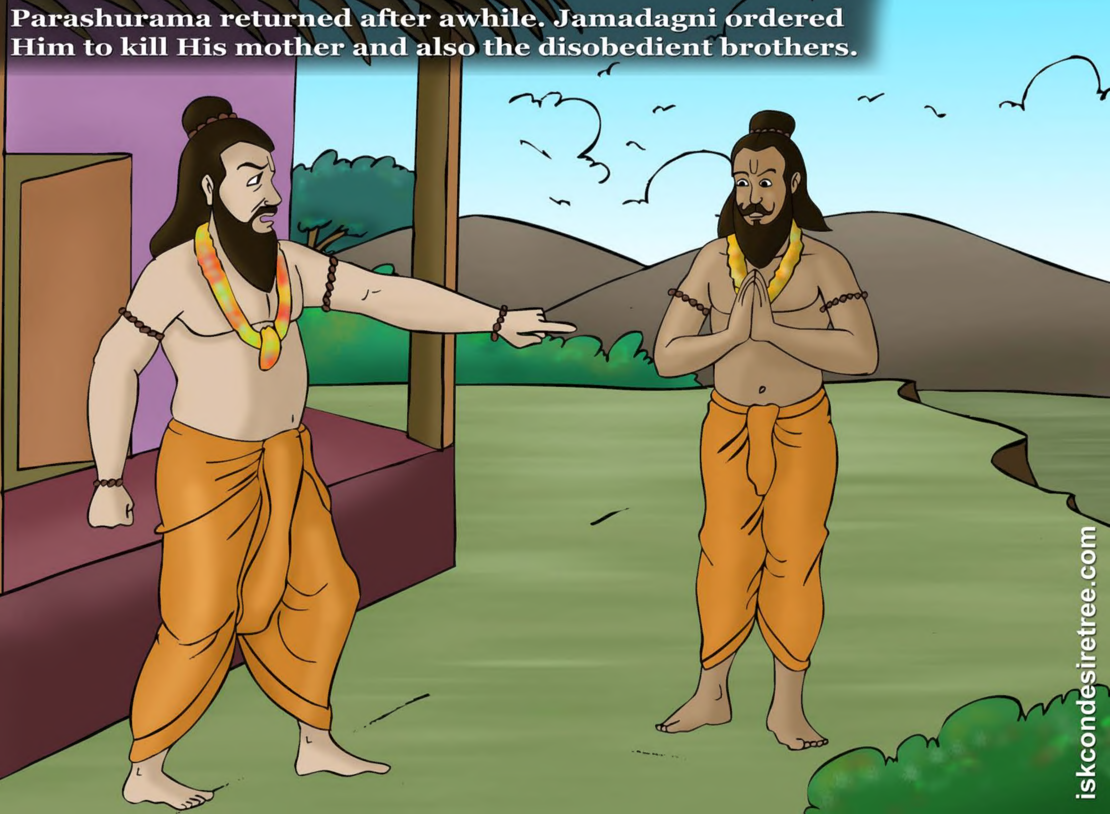


Jamadagni was a sage possessing yogic powers. He visualized the reason for his wife's delayed arrival. He was angry at her becoming impure by seeing Chitraratha with unbecoming interest.



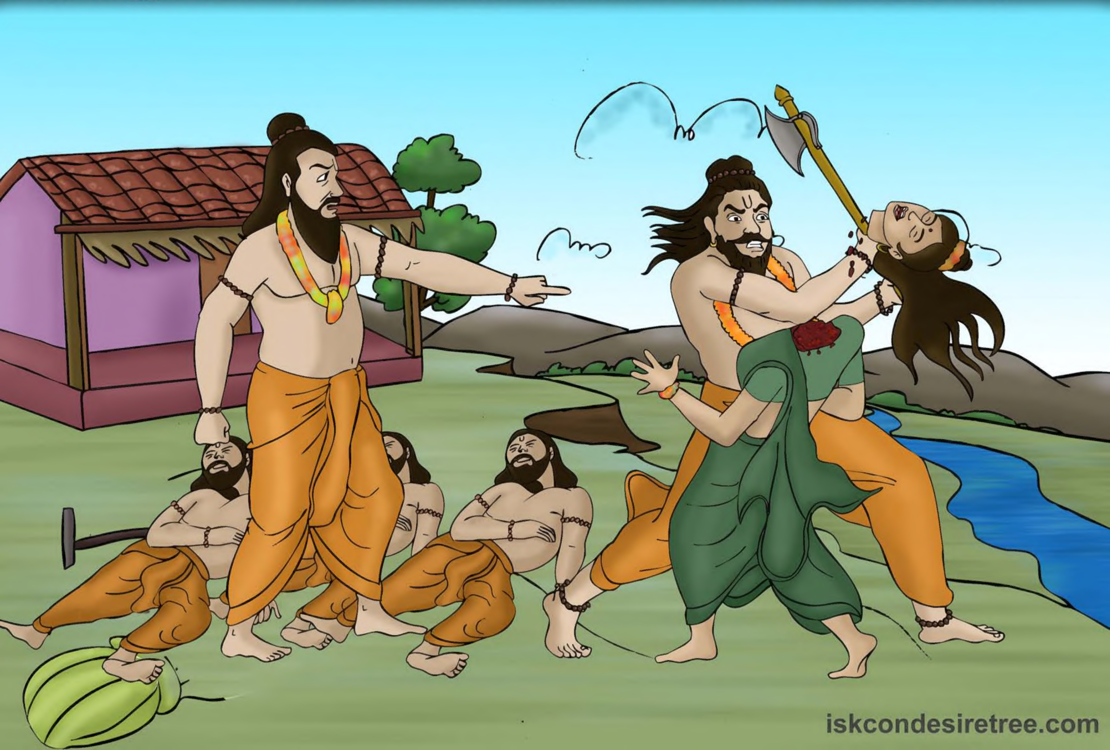
He called his sons and ordered them to kill her. The children were shocked; they could not believe their own ears. How could they kill their own mother? They stood transfixed. Jamadagni was furious, seeing that his sons were not obeying him.





Parashurama returned after awhile. Jamadagni ordered Him to kill His mother and also the disobedient brothers.

Parashurama did not hesitate even for a moment. Readily, He raised His axe, chopped off his mother's head and later killed his brothers too.



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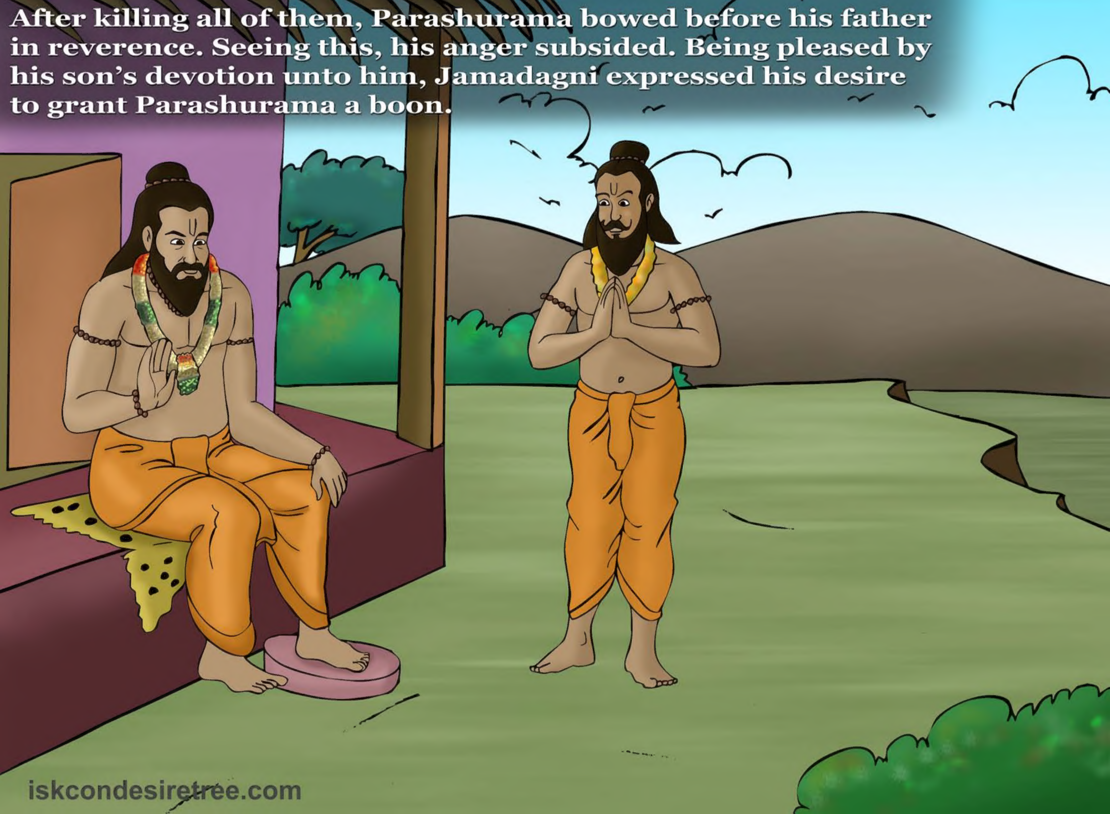
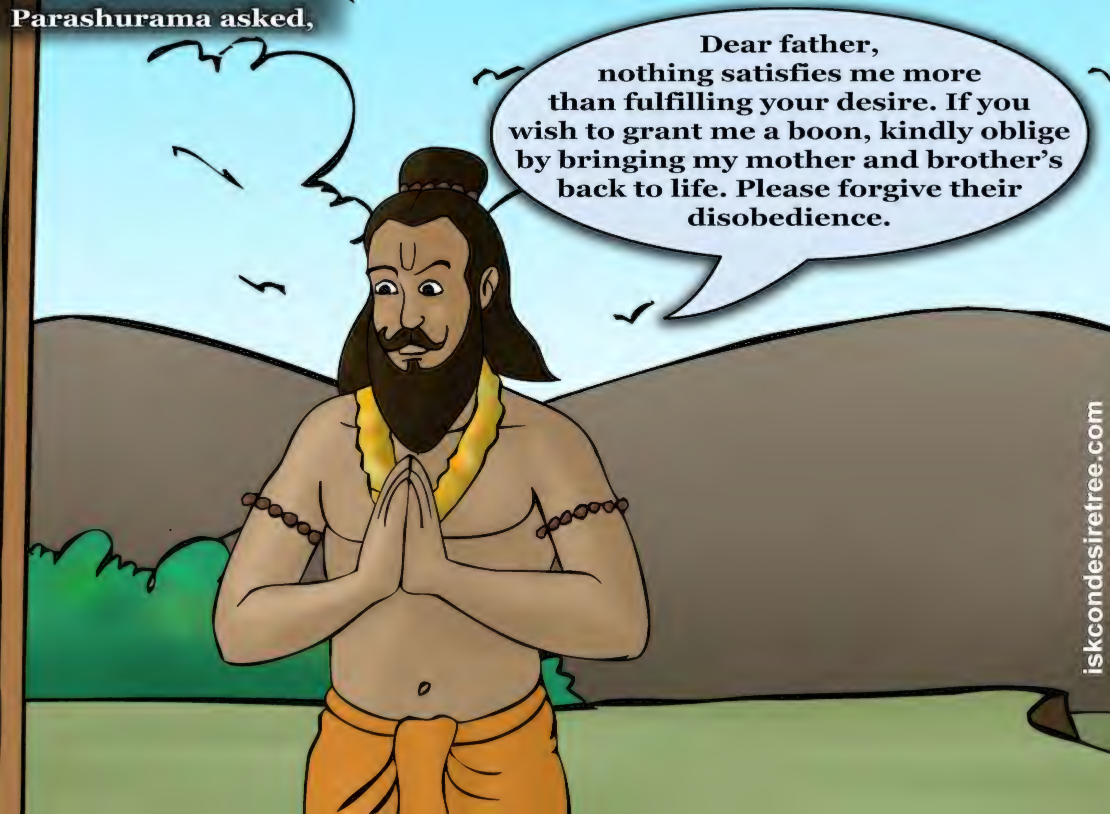
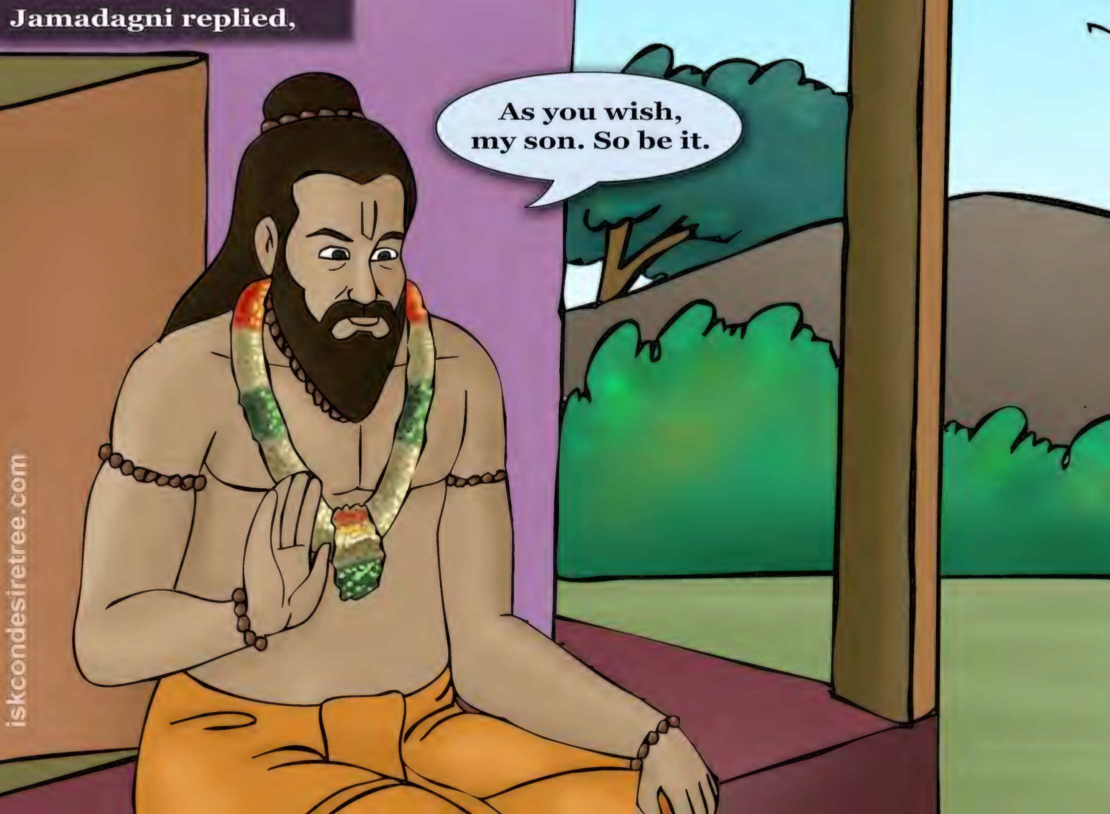
After killing all of them, Parashurama bowed before his father in reverence. Seeing this, his anger subsided. Being pleased by his son's devotion unto him, Jamadagni expressed his desire to grant Parashurama a boon.

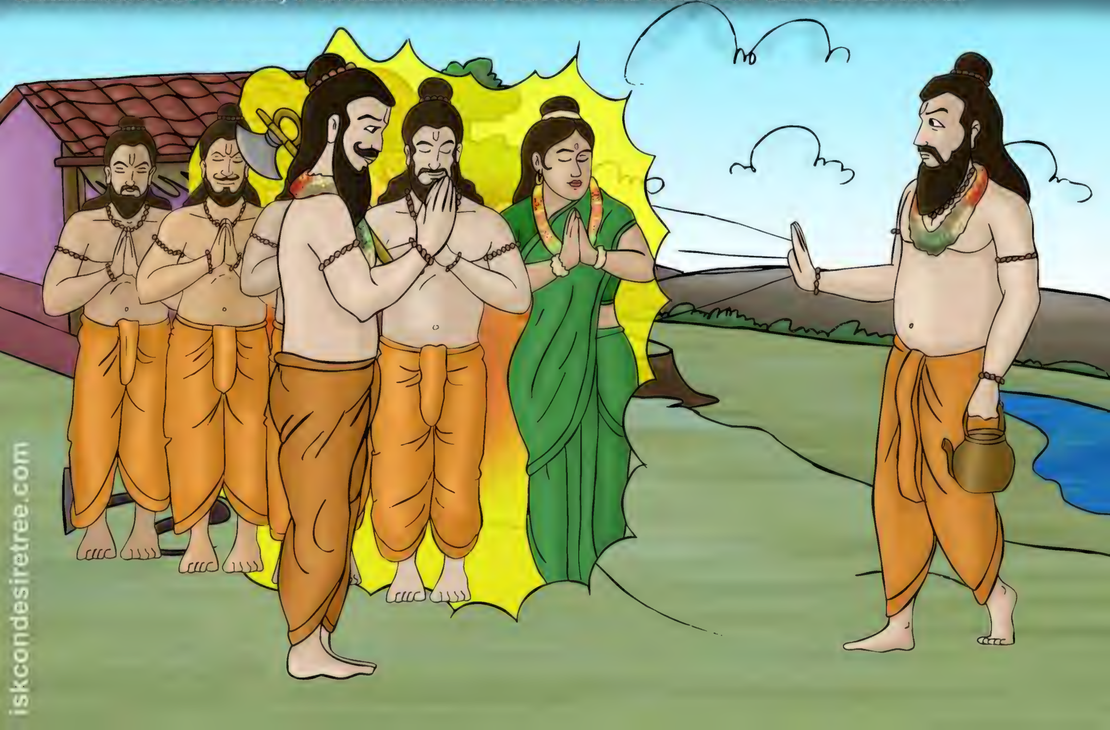


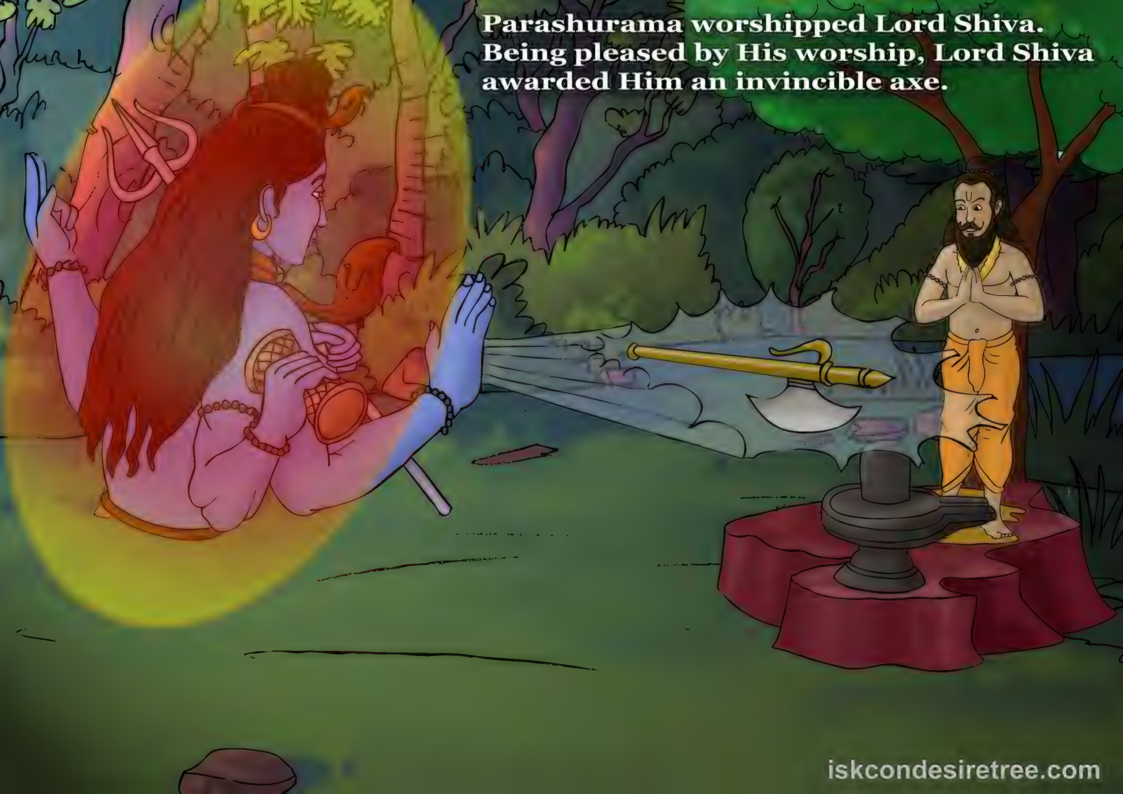

Parashurama asked,
Dear father, nothing satisfies me more than fulfilling your desire. If you wish to grant me a boon, kindly oblige by bringing my mother and brother's back to life. Please forgive their disobedience.

Jamadagni replied,


As you wish, my son. So be it.

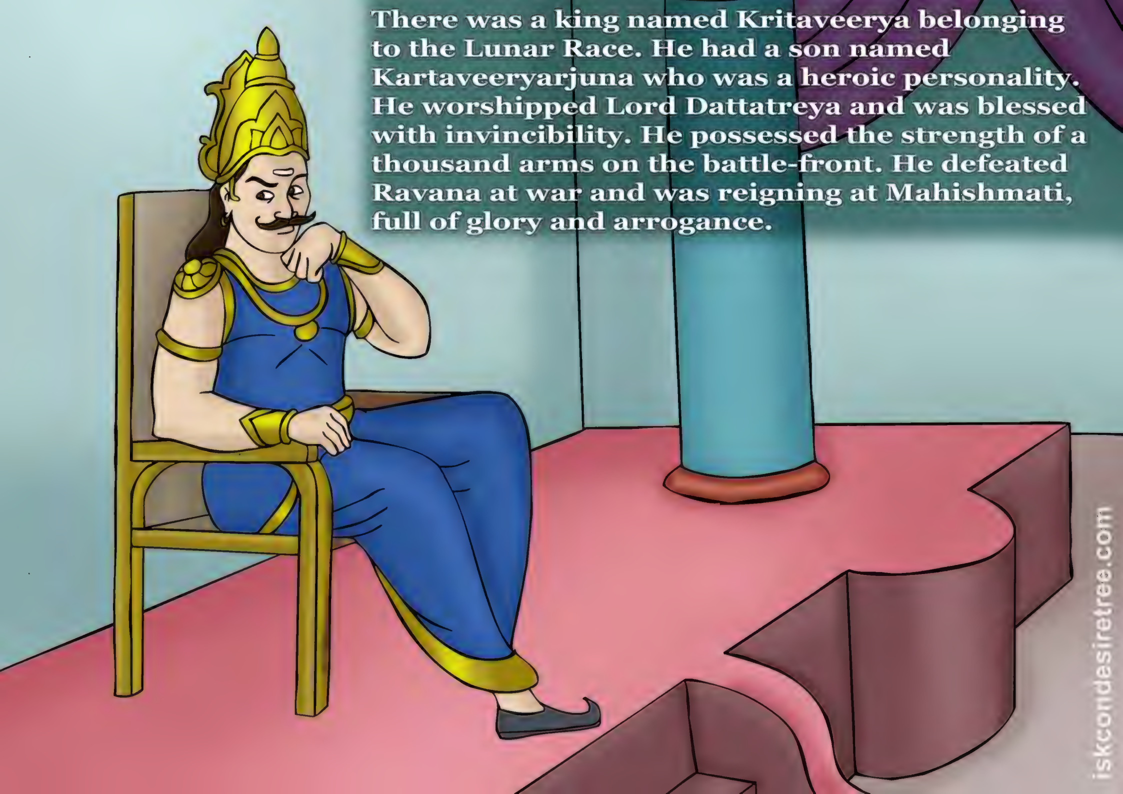
As soon as Jamadagni sprinkled Holy water, the dead rose to life and prostrated before the sage. The ashram's rituals were resumed unhindered. Thus, Parashurama saved his mother and brothers.



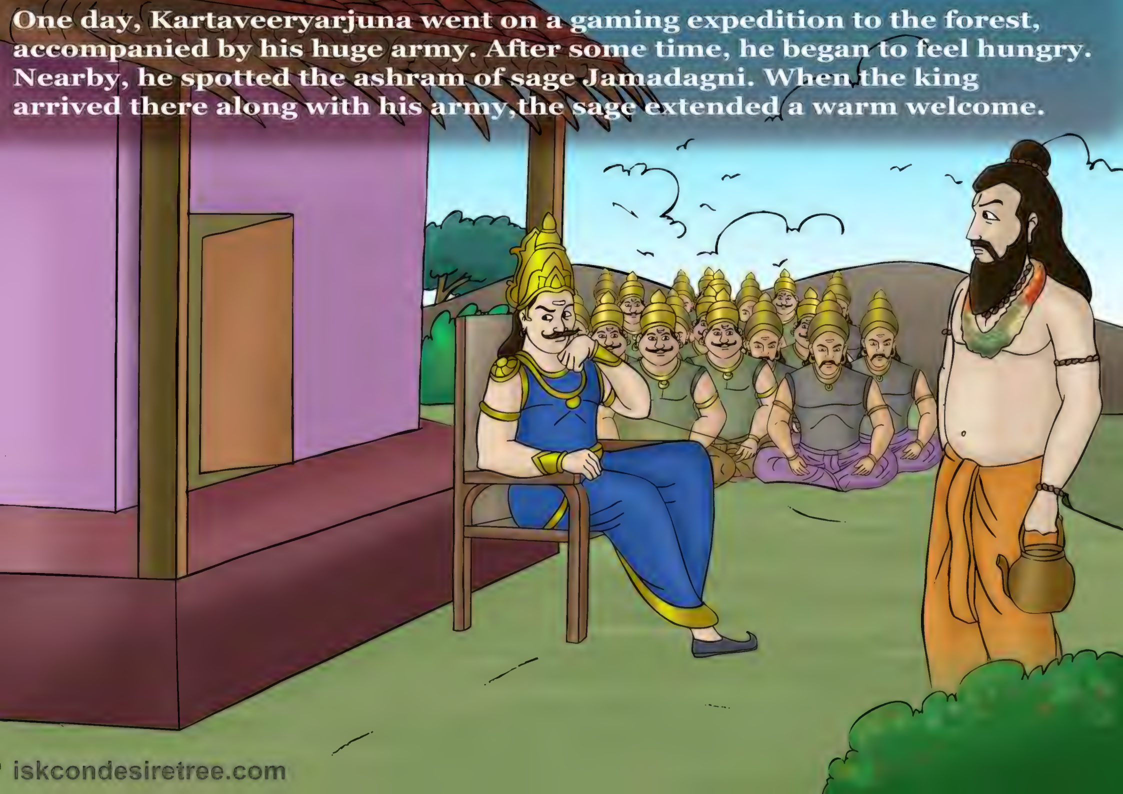


Parashurama worshipped Lord Shiva. Being pleased by His worship, Lord Shiva awarded Him an invincible axe.

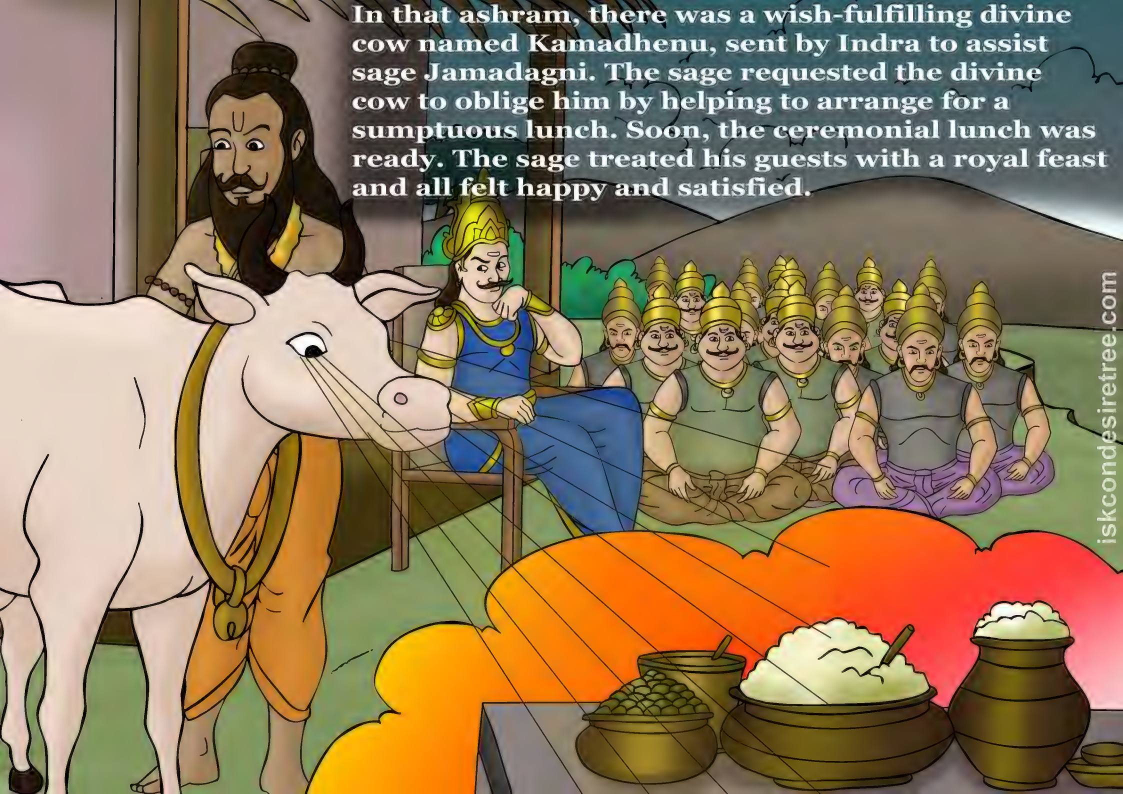
There was a king named Kritaveerya belonging to the Lunar Race. He had a son named Kartaveeryarjuna who was a heroic personality. He worshipped Lord Dattatreya and was blessed with invincibility. He possessed the strength of a thousand arms on the battle-front. He defeated Ravana at war and was reigning at Mahishmati, full of glory and arrogance.



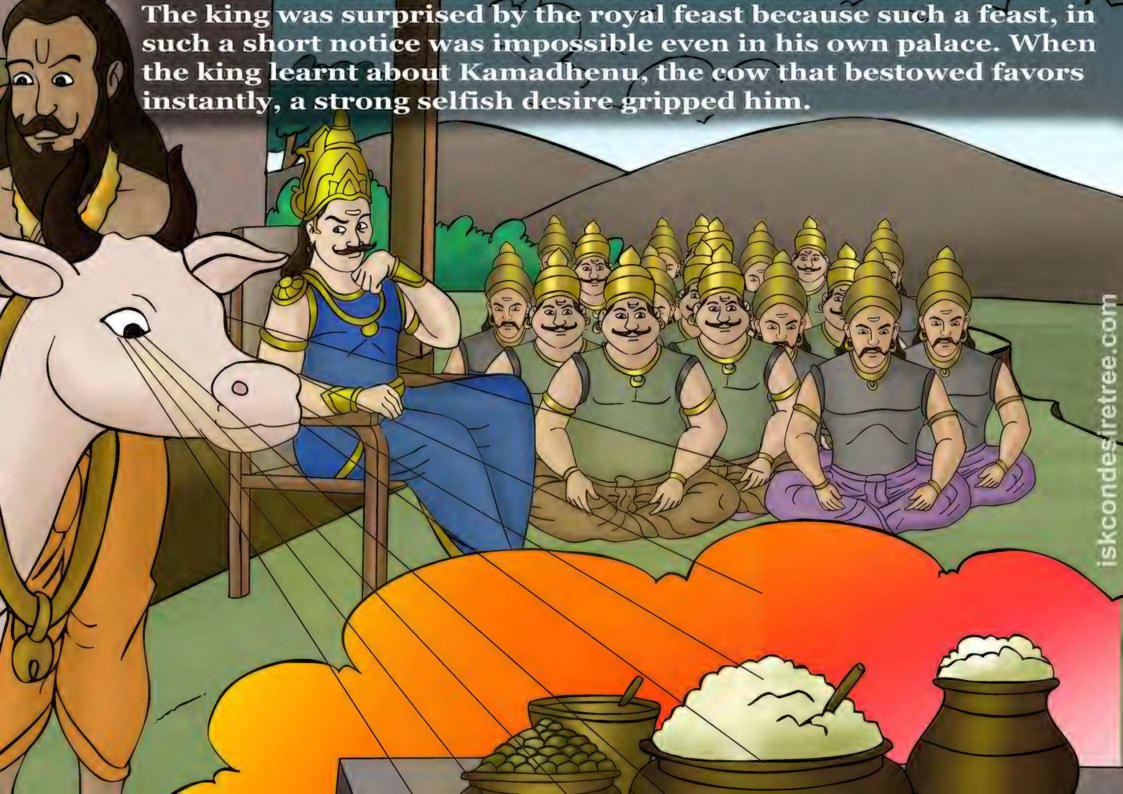
One day, Kartaveeryarjuna went on a gaming expedition to the forest, accompanied by his huge army. After some time, he began to feel hungry. Nearby, he spotted the ashram of sage Jamadagni. When the king arrived there along with his army,the sage extended a warm welcome.

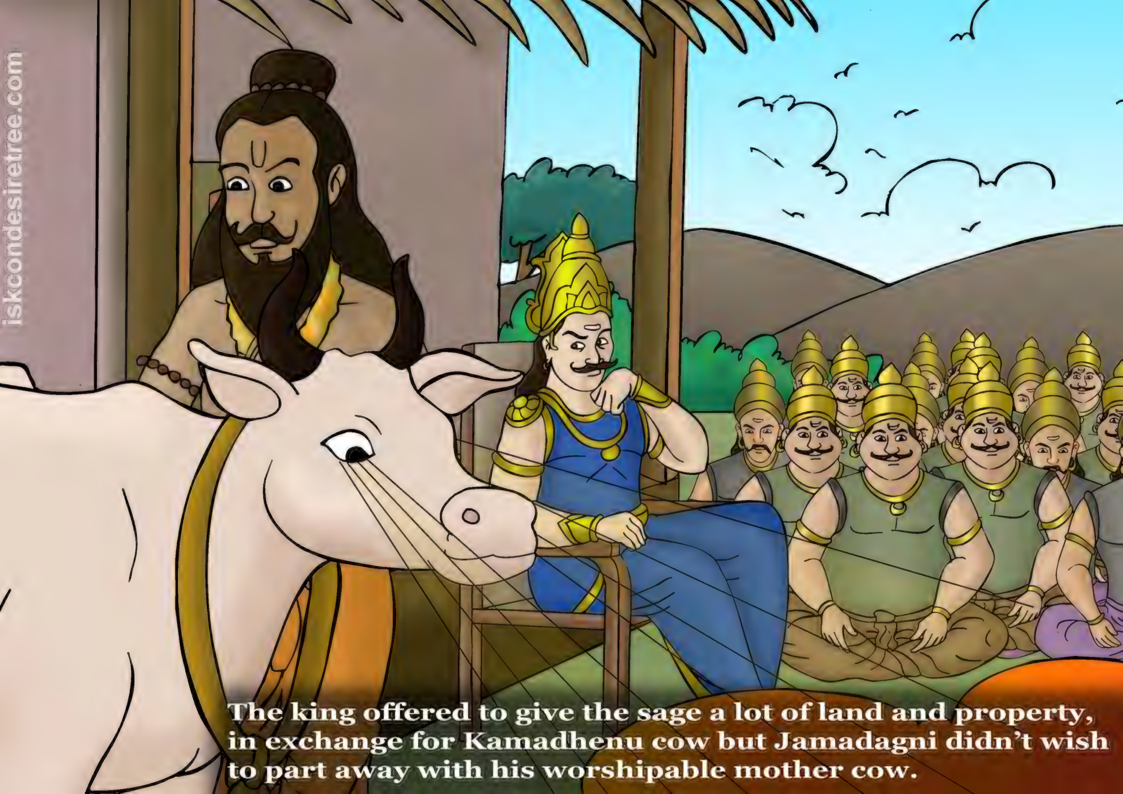


In that ashram, there was a wish-fulfilling divine cow named Kamadhenu, sent by Indra to assist sage Jamadagni. The sage requested the divine cow to oblige him by helping to arrange for a sumptuous lunch. Soon, the ceremonial lunch was ready. The sage treated his guests with a royal feast and all felt happy and satisfied.



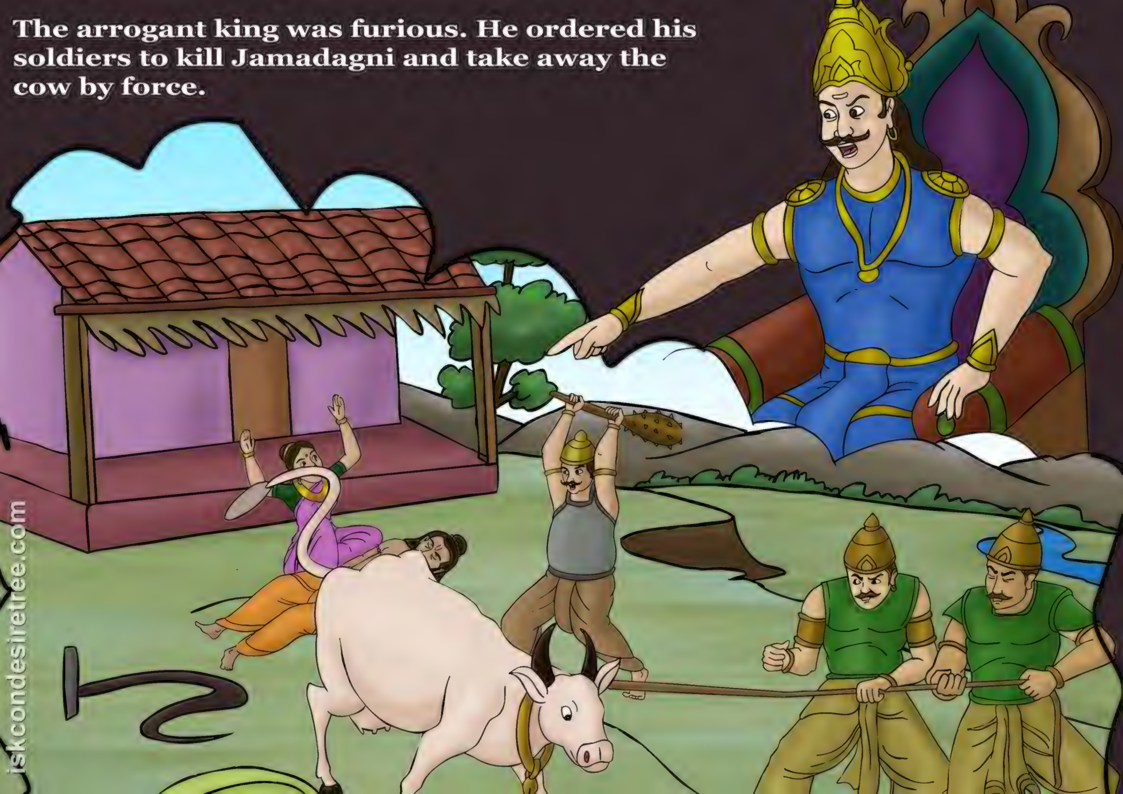
The king was surprised by the royal feast because such a feast, in such a short notice was impossible even in his own palace. When the king learnt about Kamadhenu, the cow that bestowed favors instantly, a strong selfish desire gripped him.



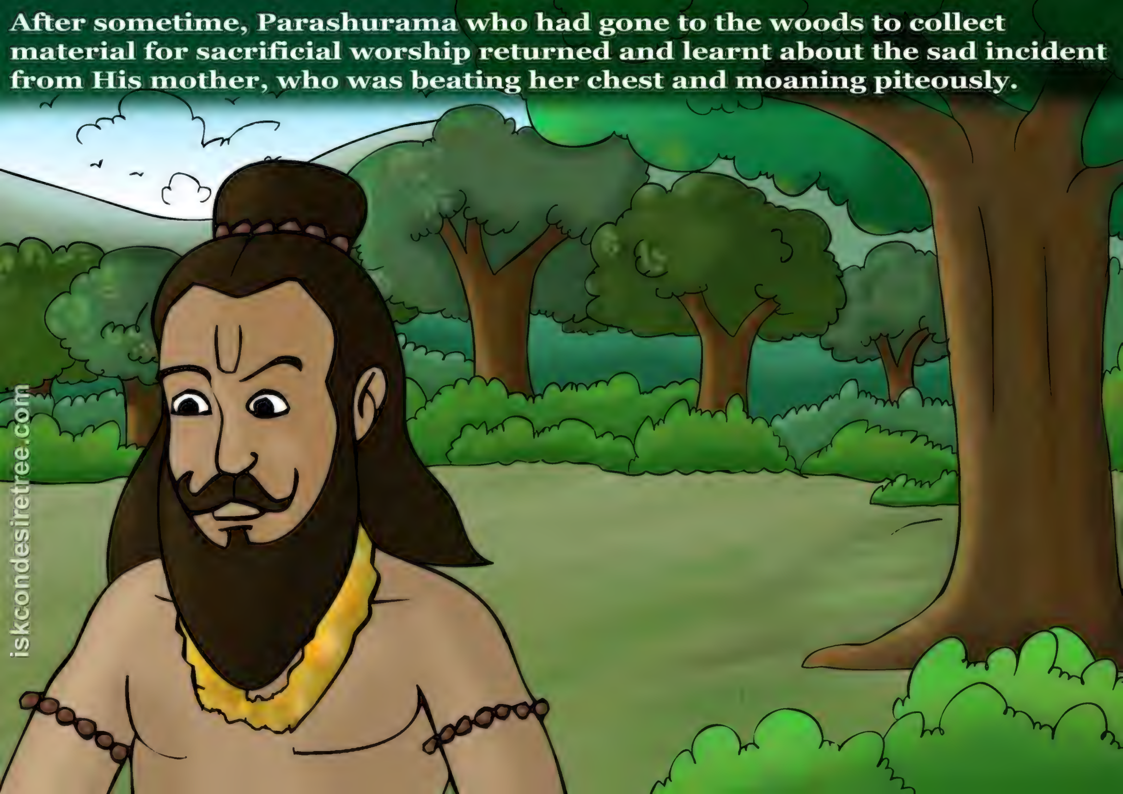


The king offered to give the sage a lot of land and property, in exchange for Kamadhenu cow but Jamadagni didn't wish to part away with his worshipable mother cow.

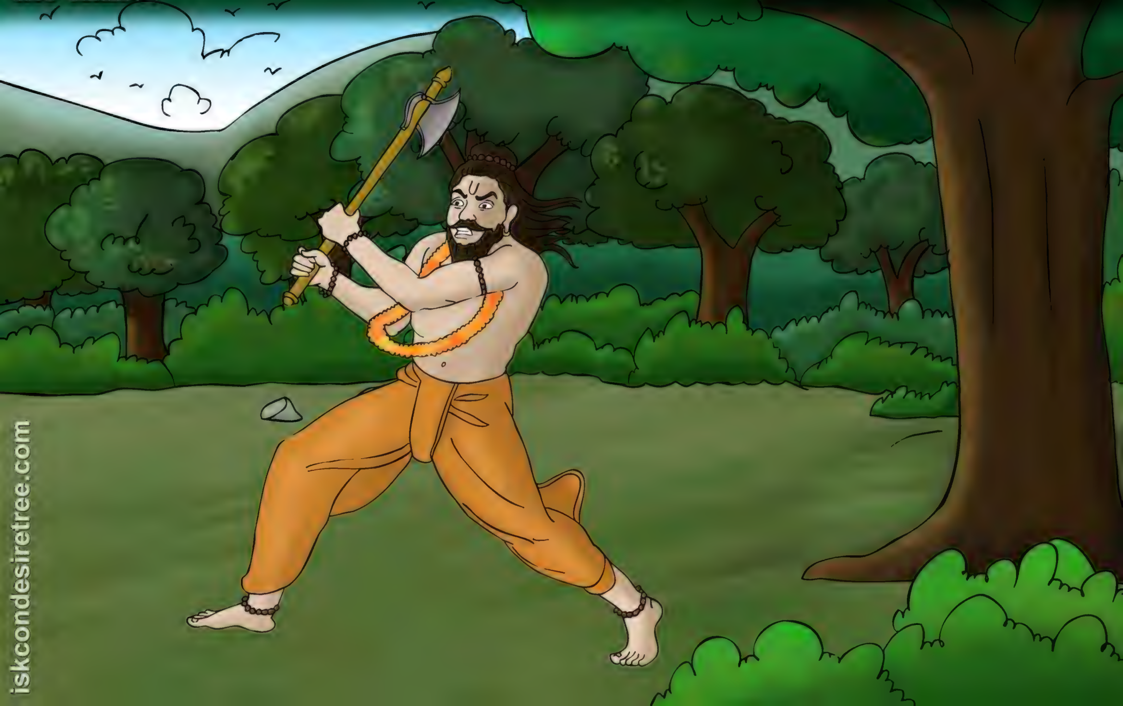
The arrogant king was furious. He ordered his soldiers to kill Jamadagni and take away the cow by force.



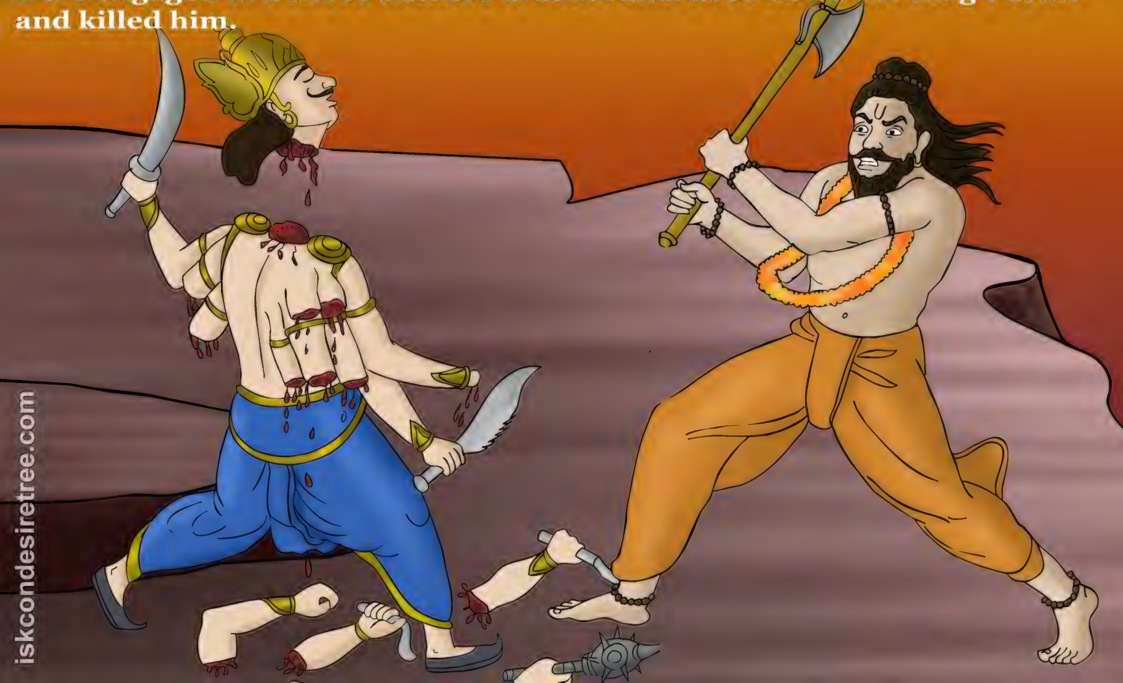
After sometime, Parashurama who had gone to the woods to collect material for sacrificial worship returned and learnt about the sad incident from His mother, who was beating her chest and moaning piteously.



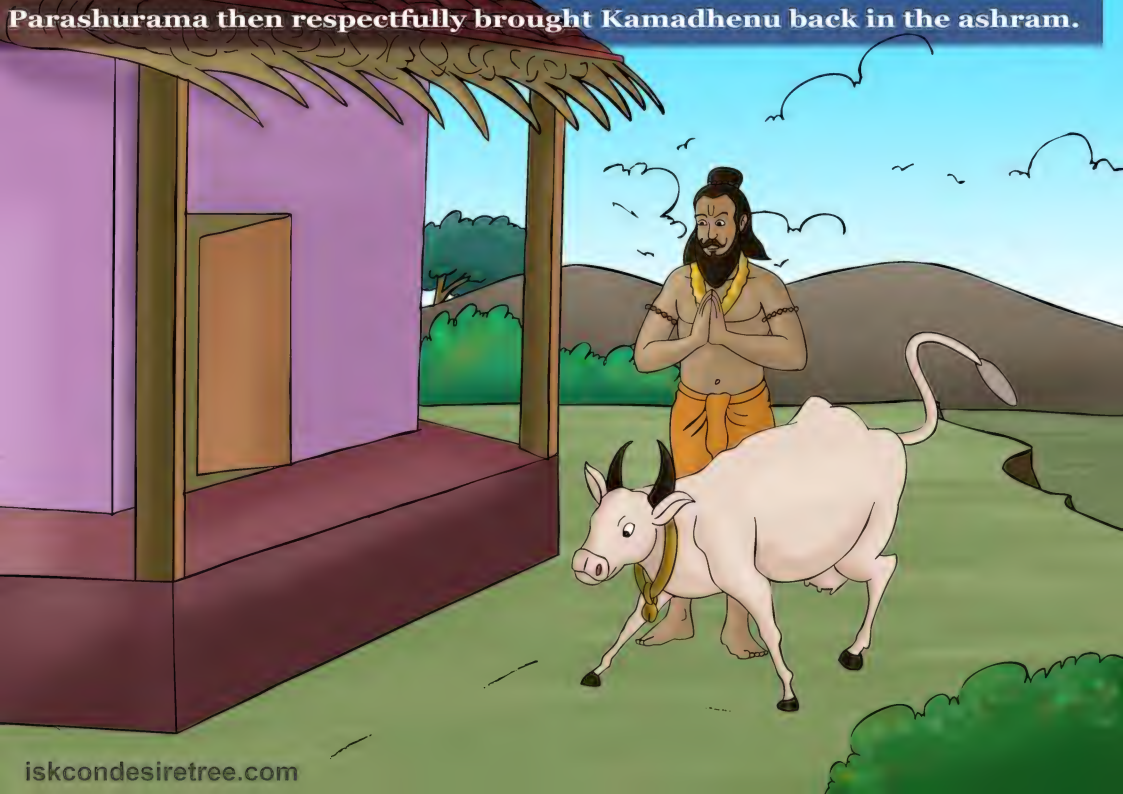
Enraged, Parashurama decided to go in pursuit of Kartaveeryarjuna and bring Kamadhenu back. Armed with his sharp axe and arrows, He left on the chase.



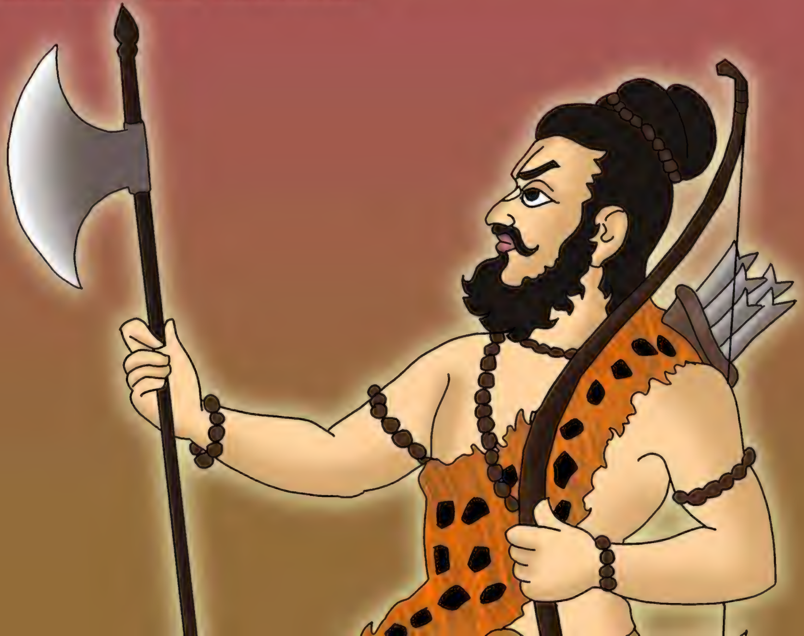
Kartaveeryarjuna's soldiers pounced upon Parashurama, who however confronted them boldly and began to chop them off mercilessly. Finally, Kartaveeryarjuna himself appeared before Parashurama and the two were engaged in a fierce battle. Parashurama axed down the king's arms and killed him.

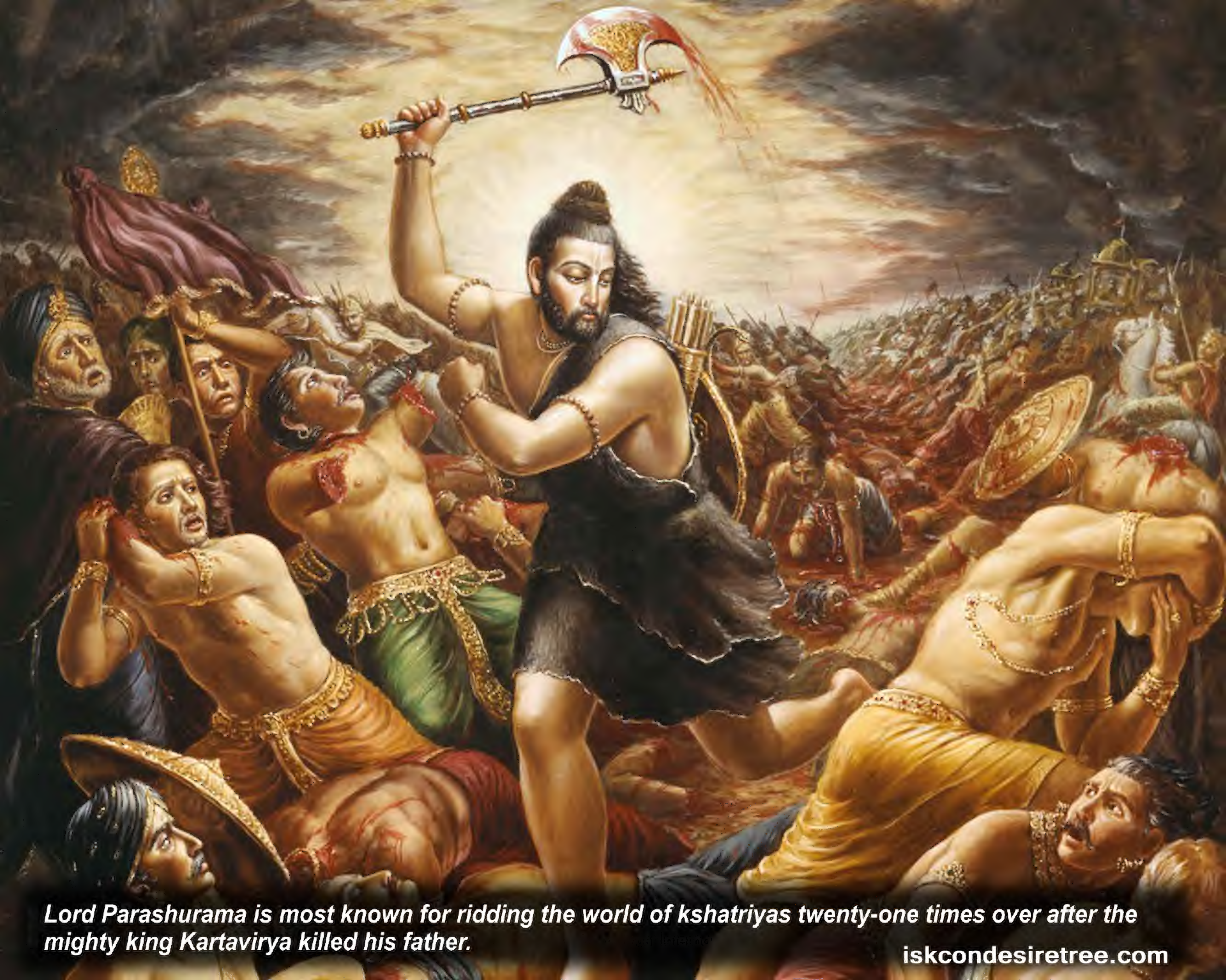


Parashurama then respectfully brought Kamadhenu back in the ashram.



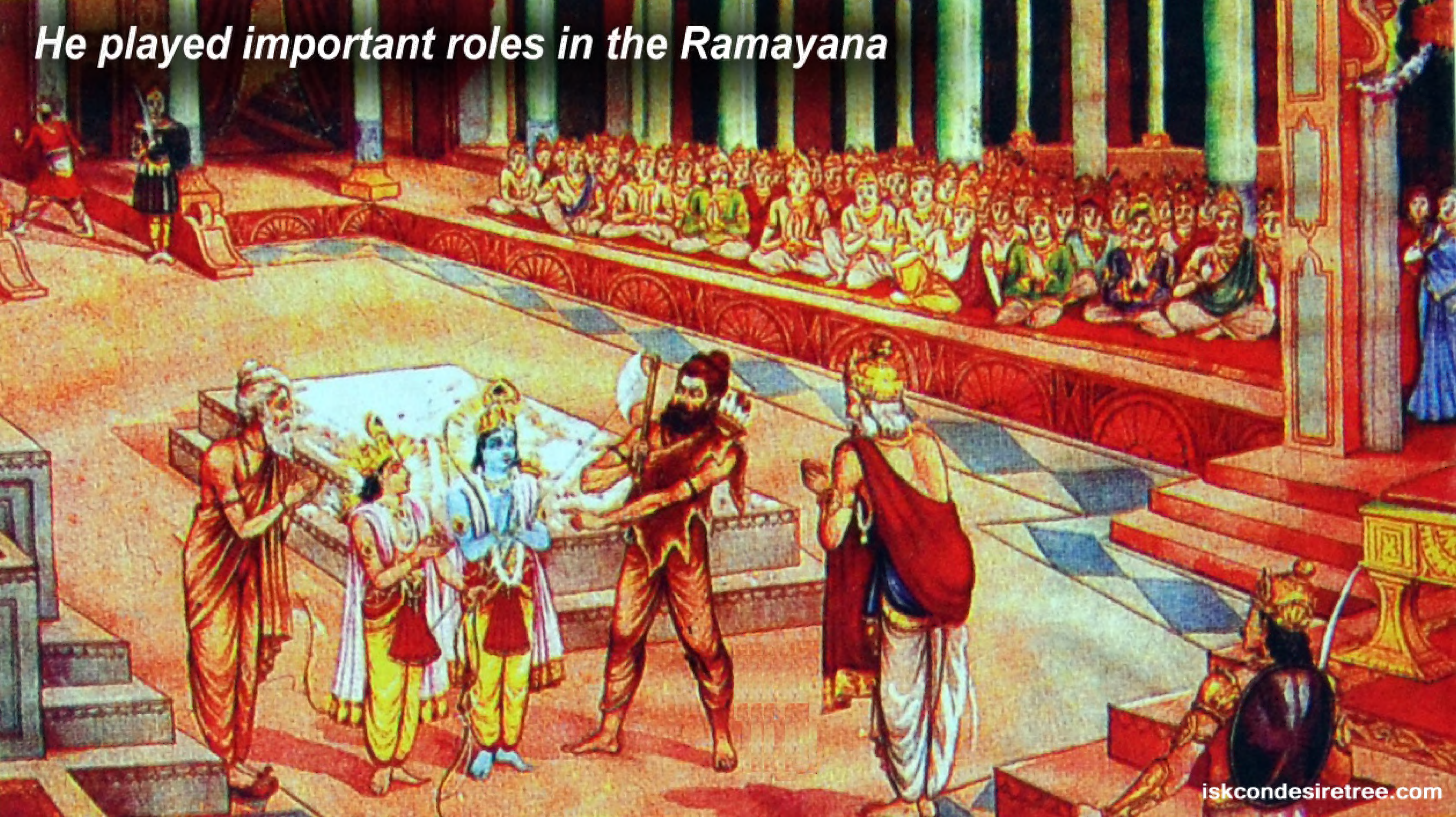
Lord Parashurama embodied several noble qualities. His utter devotion towards his father, His great respect for His mother and regard for His brothers, for whose resurrection He ardently prayed and His magnificent sense of Dharma (virtuousness), all these qualities shine in Lord Parashurama like pure diamonds.





Lord Parashurama is most known for ridding the world of kshatriyas twenty-one times over after the mighty king Kartavirya killed his father.

He played important roles in the Ramayana



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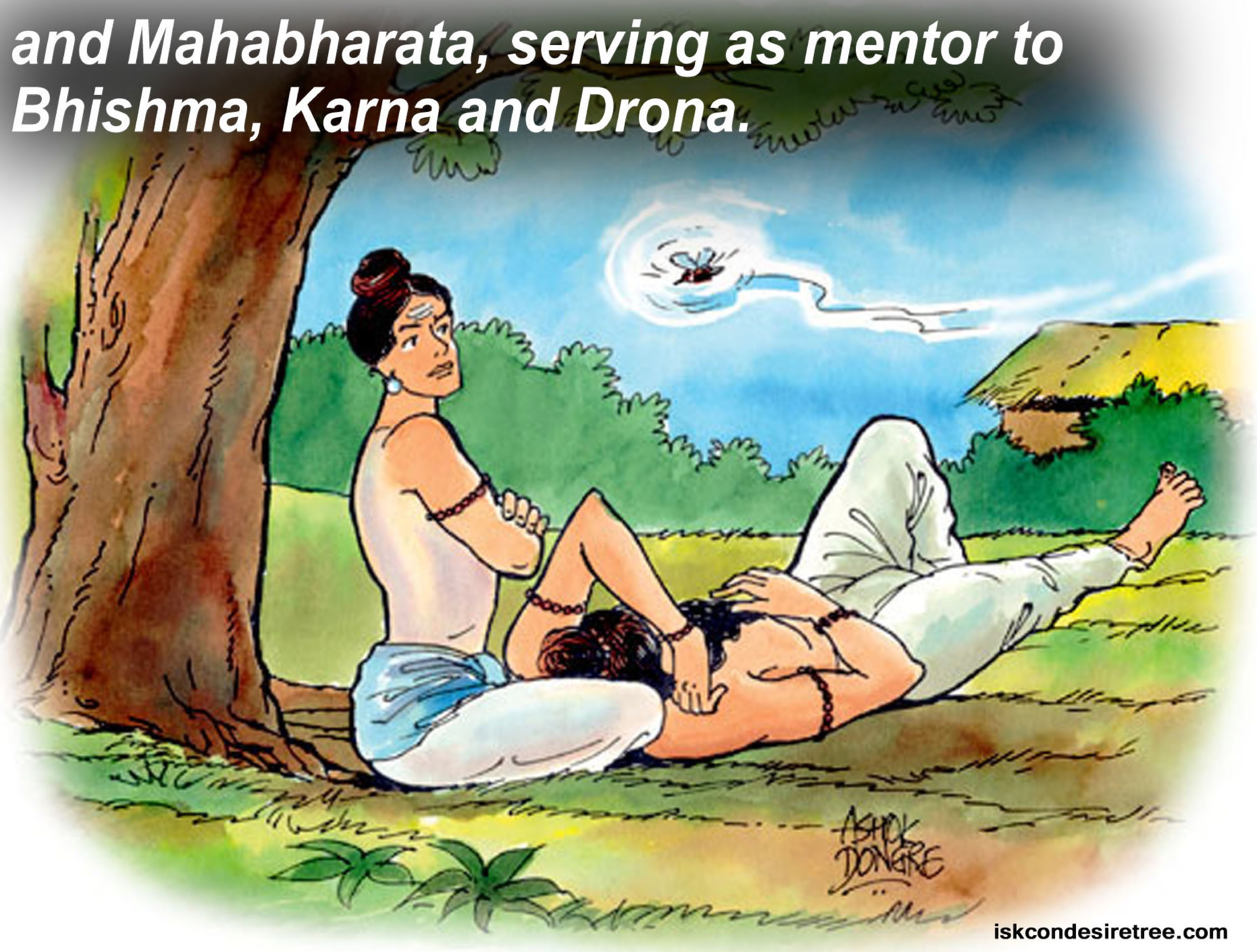
and Mahabharata, serving as mentor to Bhishma, Karna and Drona.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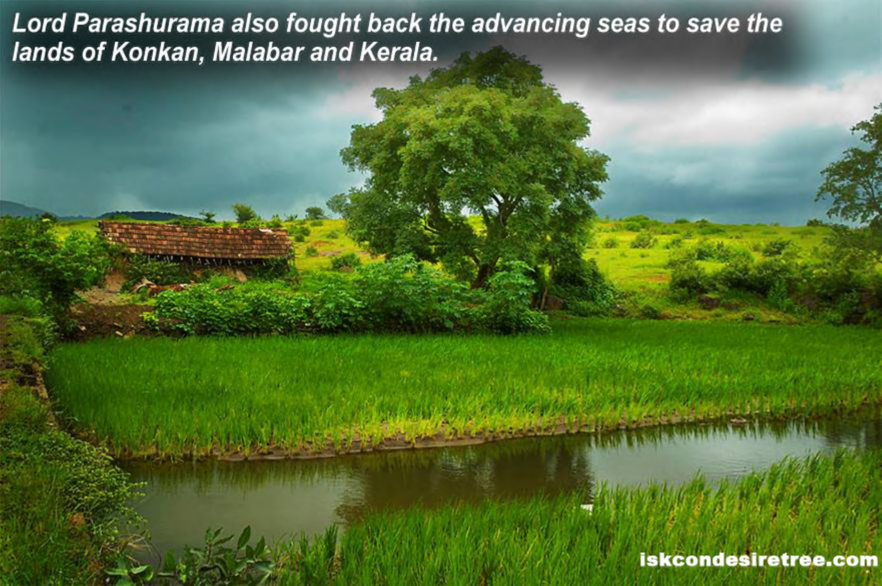

Lord Parashurama also fought back the advancing seas to save the lands of Konkan, Malabar and Kerala.

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